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Dänemarks Natur und Volk. Eine Geographische Monographie.

Von Dr. E. Löffler. iv and 119 pp., 39 Illustrations and Maps, Bibliography and Index. Lehmann & Stages Verlag, Copenhagen, 1905.

Gives a good general picture of Denmark, the Faroe Islands, and Iceland. The author is Professor of Geography in the University of Copenhagen. His treatment of the physical geography is in the approved German manner, and his general description of the islands and their inhabitants is much in the style of Reclus. His work is purely geographical, and does not deal with the economic aspects of the kingdom.

Landscape in History, and other Essays. By Sir Archibald Geikie.

viii and 352 pp. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1905. (Price, 8s. 6d.)

This volume is a collection of essays and addresses which have appeared in various publications since Sir Archibald's delightful work, "Geological Essays at Home and Abroad," was given to the public. For years the author has given much study to scenery in its geological relations and its influence on human progress, and the first four essays in his present work deal with landscape in its relations to history, the imagination and literature, and with the origin of the scenery of the British Islands. Other chapters treat of Hutton's "Theory of the Earth," which gave an impetus to studies that evolved the modern science of geology—the age of the earth, the place of science in modern education, and the work and influence of Darwin and Hugh Miller. Thus the book deals largely with physical geography and the sciences related to it. Sir Archibald Geikie is one among those leaders of scientific thought who possess imagination and the charm of an attractive literary style, and these essays fully sustain the reputation he has acquired for his ability to interest a very wide public in the study of the face and the structure of the earth.

Ostasiatische Skizzen. Von Pauline Gräfin Montgelas. 105 pp. and 1

Illustration. Theodor Ackermann, Munich, 1905. (Price, M.2.)

The author travelled widely in Eastern Asia in 1900-1903, under auspices that opened to her official doors and gave her unusual opportunities. These many sketches, all short and some of them under a page in length, offer nothing new to geographers, but their merit is something more than that of merely good reading. Countess Montgelas has the art of seizing promptly upon the point or the impression she wishes to make, and, having made it, she drops the subject. There is very little waste language, and the bits of information or description are vivid and full of local atmosphere. There is little doubt that many who are very well read in the literature relating to China proper, Japan, Corea, Mongolia, and Manchuria will find some new points of view and suggestive information in these sketches, slight as they are.

Countess Montgelas was one of the guests at the reception given by the Dowager Empress of China to the ladies of the foreign legations when, after her Majesty had assured the ladies that thenceforth they would all be the very best of friends, the wife of the American representative ventured to remind her hostess that she had given them the same assurance before the Boxer troubles, but that since then they had been penned up in Peking and shot at by her Majesty's subjects.

Highways and Byways in Derbyshire. By J. B. Firth. xvii and

500 pp., 74 Illustrations by Nelly Erichsen, 9 Maps and Index. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1905. (Price, \$2.)

This is not a guide-book. It does not deal with show-places or describe scenery,

but it gives the literary and historical associations of Derbyshire, and thus supplies the human interest that adds so much to the enjoyment of travel. Others may describe the country town of Ashbourne, one of the pleasantest in England. But Ashbourne not only stands at the gate of exquisite scenery; it is also filled with the memories of great men. The book tells, for instance, of Dr. Samuel Johnson, who used to spend his holidays here with his lifelong friend Dr. Taylor, whose house is still the best private residence in the town. Dr. Taylor seems to have been a sly humourist; and we read that once when he expected the Duke of Devonshire to dine with him, "he gave orders that his Grace was to be driven twice round the grounds, so that he might imagine the garden was twice its real size."

The little town, also, has reminiscences of Tom Moore, of Samuel Rogers the banker-poet, and others. This was George Eliot's country, and those who wish to identify the places named in *Adam Bede* will not err, says Mr. Firth, if they interpret Oakbourne as Ashbourne, Snowfield as Wirksworth, Eagledale as Dovedale, Norbourne as Norbury.

It was in Derbyshire that Jean Jacques Rousseau began to write his famous *Confessions*. The wealth of reminiscence and anecdote concerning many interesting people will be appreciated most of all by those who visit England. The illustrations add greatly to the book.

Wirtschaftliche, naturgeschichtliche und klimatologische Abhandlungen aus Paraguay. Von H. Mangels. viii and 364 pp. and Illustrations from Photographs. Verlagsanstalt Dr. Fr. p. Datterer & Cie, Munich, 1904. (Price, M. 6.75.)

A number of German settlers in Paraguay undertook, in 1894, the publication of a weekly journal, *Paraguay Rundschau*, in the German language, in order to disseminate accurate information about the country. This journal still appears regularly in enlarged and improved form, and it is deservedly prized by all who are especially interested in the colonization of Paraguay and the development of its agricultural resources and commerce. Among the friends who contributed largely to its columns, though it could not afford to pay them for their work, was the author of this volume, long the German Consul at Asuncion.

The book is made up of the articles, revised and brought up to date, which Mr. Mangels originally wrote for the *Rundschau*. They are based upon his long experience and studies in the country, and bring together a large variety of information not yet easy to find; for the literature relating to the geography and development of Paraguay is not yet rich.

A chapter is given to agriculture and colonization in Spanish South America and the various colonial undertakings in Paraguay, and in others the climate, soils, economic plants, most important forest trees, crops, rubber-planting, poisonous and other obnoxious plants, fertilizers, and many other topics are treated. These contributions make a desirable volume.

La Picardie et les Regions voisines: Artois, Cambrésis, Beauvaisis. Par Albert Demangeon. 496 pp., 34 half-tone Illustrations, 50 Maps, and Bibliography. Librairie Armand Colin, Paris, 1905. (Price, 12 frs.)

A geographical study of the Picardy Plain, in northeast France. Picardy, with the neighbouring regions, forms a geographic entity facing areas on all sides that are topographically distant from it. Its aspect seldom varies, for throughout the plain are found about the same relief—rivers, soils, fields, and villages. But if the plain